

### **Remarks**

In the Office action dated April 12, 2007 (“Action”), the Examiner imposes a seven-way restriction requirement as follows:

Group I – claims 1-31;  
Group II – claims 32-57;  
Group III – claims 58-76;  
Group IV – claims 77-95;  
Group V – claims 96-115;  
Group VI – claims 116-155; and  
Group VII – claims 156-167.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the restriction requirement and the Examiner’s characterizations of the claims. To expedite prosecution, however, Applicants elect Group VI, which includes claims 116-155, without traverse. Applicants have canceled the claims of Groups I through V and VII, claims 1-115 and 156-167, without prejudice to pursuing the canceled claims in one or more divisional applications.

### **Claim Amendments**

Applicants have amended claim 123. Applicants have added claim 168 (corresponding to claim 122), claim 169 (corresponding to claim 128), claim 170 (corresponding to claim 135), claim 171 (corresponding to claim 142), claim 172 (corresponding to claim 149), claim 173 (corresponding to claim 155), and claims 174-179. Claims 168-179 should be examined with the claims of Group VI. Applicants have also canceled claims 122, 128, 135, 142, 149, and 155 without disclaimer and without prejudice to renewal.

Respectfully submitted,

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